***The Scarlet Letter: Questions for Chapters 11-15 (pages 131-172)***

Directions: Please answer the following questions as you read the assigned chapters.

***Chapter 11***

1. How does Chillingworth’s behavior toward Dimmesdale now change?

2. How does Dimmesdale feel about the way his parishioners treat him?

3. According to the narrator, what prevents Dimmesdale from becoming a great man?

4. How does Dimmesdale punish himself?

***Chapter 12***

1. Who hears Dimmesdale’s cry of pain?

2. Why are Hester, Pearl, and Chillingworth out at night?

3. What does Pearl ask Dimmesdale to do?

4. What light reveals the three people standing upon the scaffold?

***Chapter 13***

1. With what title has the World’s Heavy Hand “ordained” Hester?

2. Why does Hester feel responsible for Dimmesdale’s condition?

3. What does Hester resolve to do regarding her former husband?

***Chapter 14***

1. How does Hester respond to Chillingworth’s news about the magistrate’s decision?

2. What favor does Chillingworth think he has done for Dimmesdale?

3. According to Hester, what has hatred done to Chillingworth?

***Chapter 15***

1. What has Pearl been doing while Hester and Chillingworth talk?

2. How does Pearl decorate her bosom?

3. What lie does Hester tell to Pearl?